Attorney Docket No. 04173:0348-00000

Group Art Unit: 2457

Examiner: D. Davis

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hideaki FUKUZAWA et al.

Serial No.: 08/940,020

Filed: September 29, 1997

For: HARD MAGNETIC FILM STRUCTURAL BODY, MAGNETORESISTANCE

EFFECT DEVICE THEREOF, MAGNETIC HEAD, MAGNETIC RECORDING/ REPRODUCING HEAD THEREOF, AND MAGNETIC RECORD MEDIUM

THEREOF, AND MAGNETIC STORING APPARATUS THEREOF

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the final Office Action of June 22, 1999. A fee of \$870.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

12/22/1999 SLUANG1

00000092 08940020 01 FC:117,

870.00 OP

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.

Richard V. Burgujian Reg. No. 31,744

Dated: December 21, 1999

LAW OFFICES FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT, & DUNNER, L. L. P. 1300 I STREET, N. W. WASHINGTON, D. C. 20005

202-408-4000